Musical Numbers Soothe Shoppers In Food Stores

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Brown were an angry frown as she slammed into her neighborhood food store. It had been such a frustrating day. But she hadn't stomped far along the aisle before she slowed to the rhythm of soft music wafting gently through the store.

The lady was undergoing some of the latest "shopping therapy" which chain food stores are practicing on their customers to ease the parting of the dollars.

Seeking out the store manager, Mrs. Brown said: "You know, Mr. Allen, I've been mad all day. One thing after another went wrong. But I walked in here and that lovely music hit me and now—well."

She left smiling, arms piled high with purchases.

Oliver F. Johnson recalled the experience as an example of what music therapy in stores can do. His company is piping music into 110 food stores now "and we've not had a complaint yet," he said.

Other thoughts and ideas have been given by the business'fs comfort and enjoyment of shopping.

Grand Openings

New food stores have openings a la Hollywood. City officials and community leaders turn out for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Helium balloons soar skyward. There may even be a neighborhood "queen" selected—average age about four years.

They're called "Stores of Tomorrow—Today." Doors open automatically as a customer approaches, operated by an "electric eye."

Once inside, tender concern for the housewife continues. If she has Junior along she can choose a shopping cart with a rumble seat attached for him to occupy. He's happy for the ride. She's happy not to have to corral him frequently in the aisles. The manager is happy not to have so much work to do in restoring order to the shelves.

Free Furnishings

In some meat departments the shopper gets a free sprig of parsley with each purchase to dress up the platter at home.

Another new wrinkle is the "express" checkout counter for the person with only a few purchases. She doesn't have to wait impatiently in a line of women with overpacked carts and baskets. For the latter group of shoppers there are drinking fountains.

Along with the soft music, Johnson said, a 20-second "gentle reminder" spot announcements every four minutes, followed by a short "penetration" pause. Only items on the store's shelves are mentioned.

For a half hour before and after shopping hours the loudspeakers carry a livelier music for the benefit of the employes—and without ads.

Beavers Build Dams for City But Fail to Follow Plans

ST. HELENS, ORE. — The city water department fired its four beavers after a year's employment, and said from now on it would hire strictly human help.

The beavers did almost everything that was hoped for. They built dams in the city watershed, they charged no salaries; they worked longer hours than any human would.

But—they simply wouldn't follow the city's engineering plans.

A year ago St. Helens turned the beavers loose on Milton creek. It expected them to build dams, impounding water to be used during the dry season.

They did build dams, too. But they built them all in the wrong places.

Instead of helping to store water, the beavers diverted small springs which had been flowing into the reservoir.

No matter how often men followed the beavers around and destroyed their dams, the animals put them right back again — in the wrong place.

Federal Bank Examiner Pleads Guilty to Robbery Charge

POCATELLO, IDAHO.—A federal bank examiner, who turned holdup man for two hours and was caught because he lisped, pleaded guilty to a bank robbery.

Rudolph D. De Packh, who said he had been connected with banks for many years, held up the First National bank at Grace, Idaho, and escaped with $3,800.

The bank was one which he had visited at least four times in 18 months as a federal examiner. Alvin Whitehead, cashier and one of three employes locked in a vault for an hour and a half, recognized De Packh by his lisp and despite his disguise of coveralls and dark glasses.

"I know federal laws as well as anyone," said De Packh, "I'm better off if I plead guilty."

He said he almost took enough to settle some Nevada gambling debts and a $500 deficit which he said he had at an Elko, Nev., bank.

Publishers Say 'Crime Comics' Are for Adults

NEW YORK. — Controversy between the Detroit Police department, which recently banned "crime" comic books, five of which have since been banned by the Indianapolis police, and the publishers of these books rages with undiminished fury. Both sides are standing firm in their convictions.

Interviewed individually, these comic book publishers, without exception, claimed that their particular books were less objectionable than others banned. None denied that there are comic books that are "obscene," "inflammatory," "vulgar," "inartistic" or all four.

Several, basing their self-defense on "freedom of the press," declared that because their books dealt with "true" crimes they are harmless; that they are written for adults and that the publisher is not responsible for the welfare of children who happen to read his books.

Crime comic books, publishers said, have been brought out in quantity only in the last two years simply to satisfy the appetite of ex-GIs. "We do it by formula, not malice," one said bluntly. "A cop, a killer, a gun and a girl."

Cause of Investigation

Prosecutor James N. McNally of Detroit, interviewed by telephone, said that his comic book investigation began when the police were seeking to stop the sale of a toy gun used in fake hold-ups. "We found," he said, "that the manufacturer advertised in comic books. We began looking into 350 of these books and ended up banning the 36 our censor bureau found most objectionable. The two distributing companies handling them willingly agreed that these books would no longer be sold. We therefore plan no criminal action against the publishers."

The day after McNally's action, Mayor Al Feeney of Indianapolis banned 5 of 200 books his special investigator had rounded up. He received the promise of cooperation from local distributors.

One Asks for Boycott

"So far," Mr. McNally said, "only one publisher has asked for a hearing. That is the National Comics group, publishers of Gangbusters Comics, which is temporarily removed from the banned list pending a hearing. As for the public, we've had nothing but praise from hundreds of citizens all over the country."

In New York the American Civil Liberties union announced that it had communicated with Detroit's police commissioner, Harry S. Toy, objecting to "the police office setting itself up as censor and guardian of public morals."

"We're glad," Jack Liebowitz, of the National Comics group, which publishes 30 other books, said, "that something is being done to apprise those publishers who are not cognizant of their responsibility that things can't go on unchecked. But we feel that our book was mistakenly banned in Detroit as it is in Indianapolis, although we're willing to make changes."

John Byrne, editor of "Wings Comics," "Jumbo Comics" and "Fight Comics," which have been banned, felt that his books "represent in 1948 what Nick Carter and Tom Swift used to represent," but added, "We don't edit our magazines for children."

Two Texas Youths Draw Pay For Staying Away From Home

JAMESTOWN, N. Y. — A couple of Texas youths with an eye for a fast buck and a yen for a novel holiday were first in line for the jugglers' national convention.

The Kosanke brothers, Les, 16, and Steve, 14, of Dallas, are collecting a dollar a day each for just sitting around.

"Uncle Al said we didn't have the nerve to leave home on our own," said Les. "He'll pay us a dollar a day for every day we make good."

Uncle Al is Alfred W. Kosanke of Hammond, Ind. All the boys have to do is send him a postcard every day proving they're not in Dallas.

Les, an amateur juggler, is spending the week practicing up for the convention.

Steve came along for the "payoff."

Navy Helicopter Captures Antarctic Penguins for Zoo

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—A technique for capturing Antarctic penguins that involves a helicopter and football tactics was described by a bird curator.

Malcolm Davis of the national zoological park in Washington told of a recent navy expedition to collect live penguins for the zoo. It was the first time a helicopter had been used to hunt the large birds, he said in a General Electric science forum broadcast.

"The pilot would fly his whirligig aircraft close to the penguins and the big birds would head inland," Davis said. "The pilot then would land the plane and the two-man crew would tackle the birds. It offered a chance for some rough-and-tumble fun."

SERVICES SATURDAY

The Seventh-Day Adventists are now meeting in the Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath School: 9:45.

Preaching: 11:00.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will begin Sunday at 11 A. M. at Salem Methodist Church. Service each evening through the week. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Inge will conduct the service.

Rocks

Rocks, July 26.- Harry Eugene Ranson celebrated his birthday at Rocks Sunday School yesterday.

Mrs. H. W. Ranson and Mrs. Alice Inge went to Lynchburg last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and children went to Lynchburg to see Mrs. D. W. Dinkins, who is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Roach and children were visiting Mrs. D. R. Inge awhile Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamilton and son were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh recently.

Mr. C. S. Ranson and children and Mrs. Claudie Ranson called to see Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson Tuesday P. M.

Audubon Society Reports No Eaglets in Famous Nest

LANCASTER, PA. — Here's a housing note for the bird world. The nest of the lordly American bald eagle in Lancaster county is vacant.

The National Audubon society reports that for the first time since 1936 there are no eaglets in the famous Mt. Johnson Island aerie below Lancaster in the Susquehanna river.

Dr. Herbert H. Beck, of Lancaster, custodian of the society's sanctuary, said normally two and possibly three young eagles would be taking off about now for their first flight.

He figures either Mother Baldy died of natural causes or she was shot by a hunter who didn't know or didn't care that the national bird is under federal protection.

It would have to be mama, Dr. Beck said, for if anything happened to Papa Baldy another male would have moved in immediately.

Eagles, he added, live by "baronial rights," and once they select a nest they never use another, nor permit any other birds to settle within their chosen domain.

Saroyan Wants to Sell Farm— And Make a Good Profit

SAN FRANCISCO. — William Saroyan, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, is trying to sell his 30-acre ranch on the banks of the San Joaquin river near his home at Fresno—in his own way, of course.

"No lies in this ad," reads the heading of the author's classified ad in the San Francisco Examiner. "This property could be described another way but this is the honest way to describe it."

A hilltop on the place is "all hardpan" and a river bottom "all gravel and rocks."

"No garage, no barn, small pump downhill, probably ought to be replaced, 500-gallon water tank in basement probably ought to be cleaned."

The heating apparatus is "out of order," Saroyan wrote. There are 50 young olive trees along a road, "but no practical way of watering them."

"Owner only paid $32,000 for property. He is keeping six or seven acres for himself as a monument to his real estate sharpness. Will sell balance for $35,000.

"If interested," concludes the ad, "have head examined or telephone Fresno 8-8574 and ask for owner's cousin, Ross."

Robber Confesses Hold-Up; Gets Trousseau for Bride

NEW YORK. — Nello Piccin has an offer of a job and a free Trousseau for his fiancee because his conscience bothered him.

Piccin got $65 in a robbery with a wooden gun. He wanted the money for his fiancee's trousseau. But his conscience began to bother him. He confessed to his fiancee and they went together to a priest. The priest advised Piccin to give himself up.

Later a grand jury refused to indict him for the robbery, an electrical company offered him a job and a department store volunteered to give his bride-to-be a complete trousseau.

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Cocker Spaniel Gives Birth To Litter of Six on Train

KINGSTON, N. Y. — A cocker spaniel named "Queenie" started across country alone and arrived here with a family of six. They all traveled on her ticket.

"Queenie," owned by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Slade, started her cross-country trip in the baggage car of a New York Central train at Tacoma, Wash. In Chicago she gave birth to six puppies.

At Albany a baggageman said there was a ticket around "Queenie's" neck stating there would be no extra fare for the pups. Also scrawled on the ticket, he said, was the notation "see that they have everything they need."

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A. R. Harwood, Administrator
(7-29-2tc)

Wanted: A settled man to work in Feed Store and drive truck. See: W. Twyman Coleman, Coleman's Feed & Seed Store

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My Barber Shop will be open Wednesday afternoons from on.
— G. B. Buchanan.

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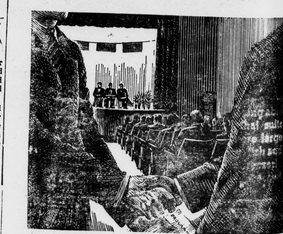

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Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gobble spent several days this week at Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Harry Hunt and children, of Raleigh, N. C. are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Reynolds.

Eddie Barron, of Norfolk, will spend this week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Doss.

Mrs. W. M. Abbitt is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

G. B. Buchanan and Congressman W. M. Abbitt spent Monday in Washington.

Mrs. Al Luck and son, of Lynchburg are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Guill.

Miss Emily Featherston and N. R. Featherston visited relatives and friends in Roanoke last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Franklin have announced the birth of a fine baby boy, James Wilson, Jr., born July 13.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O'Brien and sons, Tommie and Dickie, and Miss Claudine O'Brien are spending several days at Chincoteague Island.

Fred Hanenkrat, of South Hill, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Hunter are attending the Lions Club International Convention in New York.

Mrs. J. Berkley Drinkard has returned home after a two week visit to her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gibson, in Bristol, Va.

Mrs. Alice Tweedy, of Norfolk, Mrs. Maude Hancock, of Raleigh, N. C.; Mrs. John D. Milton, of Miami, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Flood Drinkard and two children, of Greensboro, N. C., have returned to their homes after spending several weeks with their father, E. M. Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hall and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Durie, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Durie, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant and son, Alex Bryant, Johnnie Bryant and son, Mr. and Mrs. George Page and children, Mrs. Ervin Ayers and children were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Durie Sunday.

Miss Estelle Bryant, of Richmond is spending this week here.

Miss Lucye Watkins Seay, of Richmond is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith.

The members of the Junior Department of Memorial Methodist Sunday School will be taken on a bus trip to the Methodist Orphanage in Richmond next Sunday. Mrs. J. T. Irby is superintendent of the department and will accompany them on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler have returned from a trip to New Jersey and New York. They spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler, at Spout Spring.

Good progress has been made on the new Seventh Day Adventist Church building on Court Street. They expect to begin laying brick next month.

Mrs. Anna B. Weinberg, of Augusta, Illinois, arrived by plane last week for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Weinberg. She underwent an operation at the Virginia Baptist Hospital on Thursday. She is getting along nicely and is expected to return to her son's home this week.

Mrs. Claude W. Smith entertained at a shower Tuesday night, honoring Mrs. Ben David Wheeler, a recent bride. Arrangements of garden flowers were used for decorations in the home, and a program of entertainment appropriate to the occasion was featured, followed by an iced course, which was carried out in the color scheme of green and pink. Those present, in addition to the honorees and hostess were Mesdames S. G. Smith, Irby Wheeler, J. W. Flood, Carter Martin, E. C. Rogers, Edw. McClintic, J. S. Caldwell, O. L. Scheffler, and J. S. Caldwell, Jr., and Misses Betsy and Bertha Wheeler, Aldah Barlow and Lucy Watkins Seay.

Church News

MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
Floyd M. Lucas, Minister

Sunday School, 9:45.
Preaching Service, 11:00.
Methodist Youth Fellowship. 7:15

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH FIELD
Cecil G. Carter, Pastor

CENTRAL:
10:00 A. M., Sunday School.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship.

ROCKS:
7:00 P. M., Training Union.
8:00 P. M. Evening Worship.

Revival services begin at Rocky Mondday, Aug. 2., and will continue through the week. Rev. B. R. Bruner, of Farmville, will lead us in these services. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
G. E. Hughes, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 A. M.

Morning Worship at 11 o'clock

Revival services at Hebron start Sunday at 8 P. M. and continue through Friday.

MONROE LODGE

Monroe Lodge No. 301, A. F. & A. M., meets the second Monday of every month in their hall at Appomattox, at 8:00 P. M. Visiting brothers welcome.
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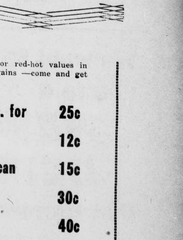

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans announce the marriage of their daughter, Annie Frances to Robert Eugene Chamberlain, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Chamberian, 212 Sewell Avenue, Phoebus, formerly of Rockland, Massachussetts.

The ceremony was performed on July 17, at 7:00 P. M. by the Rev. Sawyer, Elizabeth City, N. C. Mrs. Chamberlain was attended by Mrs. Lillian Satchell, cousin of the bride. The grooms attendants were Raymond Holland, Hampton, and Sgt. Rene Feret, New Orleans, La.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. W. D. Griggs, 309 S. Hope St., Phoebus.

Prairie State Farmers Fear New Dust Bowl

DALLAS, TEX.—Out in the prairie states farmers have planted more than 300 million trees in 15 years. These are the states where settlers once complained there was nothing but a barbed wire fence to break mile-a-minute winds from the North Pole.

Now, says Louis P. Merrill, regional soil conservation director for Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma, the interest in tree windbreaks "is greater and keener in many localities than ever before."

Blinding dust storms in many of the plains states have emphasized the need for more trees.

The Abilene, Tex., Reporter-News says its area is undergoing the most prolonged drouth in 30 years. The four-year rain deficiency since 1944 is almost as great as a normal year's fall of 25.17 inches.

Harry Holt, the Reporter-News' farm editor, says that other parts of the Southwest are even drier. Irrigation projects have failed. Farmers had a difficult time planting wheat in west Texas. The drouth has forced livestock off some ranges until only half the normal number remain.

Farmers Dread Storms

Large sections have been swept by roaring, choking sandstorms. Farmers and city people alike dread them. They are an awesome phenomenon. When sandstorms become prolonged and severe, a "dust bowl" develops.

Some farmers hope the trees are insurance against this "dust bowl" threat. They remember the '30's when whole sections were made as barren as the Sahara. Some want trees for wind-breaks to protect growing crops even when there's no threat of sandstorms. Some just want to look at trees.

The popular conception of the "shelterbelt project" as a wall of trees from Mexico to Canada was a product of imagination born in "dust bowl" days, says Merrill. No one in authority ever thought of the project that way.

The "windbreak" plan — a term preferred by conservation authorities—as part of a coordinated soil-conservation program has spread to the Rio Grande valley in Texas, northeastern Arkansas and the gulf coast prairie region of Texas and Louisiana.

Plan Includes California

The plan has reached even to California, where citrus growers have established 2,000 miles of protective plantings for their orchards, and to Wisconsin, which has nearly 6,000 miles of such plantings.

No signs of a continuous shelterbelt have appeared across the nation. Tree planting has been a matter for individual farmers. In some cases, efforts have been made to place the program on a conservation district basis.

Generally the projects are a success, according to farmers.

But, in some areas, notably that around Lubbock, Tex., the program has been abandoned. Dry weather, insects and diseases have done away with most of the trees.

Talks with farmers and conservation men show that the program, while practical, has put more money in the farmer's pocket, but wind-breaks certainly are no cure-all.

Says Merrill: "The planting of tree wind-breaks is one practice of many used for control of wind erosion in localities to which they are adapted."

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